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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/665,154

Applicants: Mie YOSHINO, et al.

Filing Date: September 22, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
FORMING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2852

Examiner: TRAN H. H.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition under 37 CFR 1.181**

**Copies of an Information Disclosure Statement, Statement of Relevancy, PTO-1449, Date-  
Stamped Filing Receipt (all filed on January 29, 2004)**

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE APPLICATION OF

MIE YOSHINO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: TRAN, H. H.

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FILED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2852

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD :

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

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SIR:

This is a Petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a)(3) requesting that the examiner be provided the above-identified application file and supply Applicants an acknowledged copy of the below-noted Form PTO-1449.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On January 29, 2004, Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) papers were filed, including a Form PTO-1449 listing three references for consideration, as documented by the attached copy of those papers and the associated date-stamped mail room filing receipt.

Upon review of this Application and after the allowance thereof, it was noted that there was no consideration of the Form PTO-1449.

ACTION REQUESTED

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner be supplied with the application file and provide Applicants an acknowledged copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the listed three references.

As the above-identified application has already been allowed, an early response to this Petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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✓ Due Date: 2-12-04

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ✓  Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney 3 Pages
- ✓  Request for Priority  Priority Doc 2
- ✓  Letter Submitting Drawing Sheet(s)
- Replacement Drawing 10 sheets
- ✓  Letter (cover)
- Information Disclosure Statement  PTO-1449 (2 Pages)
- Cited References 3
- Statement of Relevancy  IDS/Related/List of Related Cases
- Cited Pending Applications 5
- Filing of Declaration
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

All of the references cited on Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION		
					YES	NO	
	AO	11-167295	06/22/1999	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AP	2000-275988	10/06/2000	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AQ	2001-337572	12/07/2001	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
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<b>OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)</b>							
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